AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1-7.   (Cancelled)

8.   (New)   A method for avoiding collisions on a random access channel of a telecommunication system providing Multimedia Broadcast / Multicast Services (MBMS) to a plurality of subscribing user equipments, said method comprising the steps of:

determining a delay time period for each subscribing user equipment after the lapse of which said user equipment starts transmission of feedback information on the random access channel for acknowledgement of successfully received MBMS data portions;

forwarding said respective delay time periods to the user equipments; and,

transmitting one or more MBMS data portions on a downlink channel to the group of subscribing user equipments.

9.   (New)   The method according to claim 8, further comprising the steps of:

selecting a specific sub-channel of the random access channel and a preamble signature on said sub-channel for the subscribing user equipments; and,

forwarding said respective sub-channel and signature to the subscribing user equipments.

10.   (New)   A method in a user equipment of a telecommunication system subscribing to a Multimedia Broadcast / Multicast Service (MBMS), said method comprising the steps of:

determining a delay time period;

transmitting, after the lapse of said delay time period, feedback information on the random access channel for acknowledgement of successfully received MBMS-data portions.

11.   (New)   The method according to claim 10, further comprising the step of selecting a specific sub-channel of the random access channel and a preamble signature on said sub-channel for transmission of said feedback information.

12.   (New)   The method according to claim 8, wherein said delay time period starts counting at a user equipment from the successful reception of said one or more MBMS-data portions.

13.   (New)   The method according to claim 8, wherein said delay time period is calculated from a unique identifier of the user equipment.

14.   (New)   The method according to claim 8, wherein said delay time period constitutes a randomly determined value within a given time period.

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